

# CATALOGUE OF MEDALS AND COINS.

FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE BEST COLLECTION OF

## MEDALS, COINS,

— AND —

## NUMISMATICAL WORKS IN THE UNITED STATES.

### CATALOGUE

### OF A GRAND COLLECTION OF COINS AND MEDALS,

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# GRAND ENTERPRISE

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Several gentlemen favorable to the retaining in the United States of the splendid collections of Medals and Coins, numbering 2828 pieces, also, the rare books on coins belonging to Prof. D. E. Groux, of Boston, late of Washington city, D. C., have suggested to him to part with this Numismatical treasure in the following manner:—

The collections being divided into twenty different sections, each one complete in itself, for the nations it represent, it is proposed to form prizes of them, to be drawn in twenty lots. There are to be 450 Tickets, of \$10 each. Those who buy 5 Tickets shall receive 6 Tickets, and those who club together for 20 Tickets shall receive 25 Tickets.

The collections are estimated to be worth \$7,549, so that even by disposing of all the tickets it will be at a loss of \$3,049 to him. The authority for this valuation will be found in the Catalogue.

The Medals and Coins are all classified, and left, as well as the Numismatical books, in the care of Dr. Winslow Lewis, of Boston, who will hold them in his possession till the drawing shall have taken place, when the lots will be delivered to the winners. The medals, coins, and books, can be inspected at his house.

When the list shall have been filled up, a soiree will be given to the holders of the tickets, and a Committee, formed among themselves, shall preside at the drawing and superintend the whole transaction.

It is proposed that the drawing shall take place towards Christmas, if, as it is very likely, all the chances are taken. Those

prizes would be most acceptable to many as a holiday gift. If the chances are not all taken by that time the drawing will be postponed, and due information will be given to the ticket holders when it takes place.

The value of the collections may be more fully ascertained by referring to an Album of Testimonials which accompanies the subscription list, and in which will be found many certificates of eminent persons, who have inspected the collections and are able to judge of their merit, value, and historic importance; as those of Hon. W. M. Gwin, U. S. Senator, California; of Hon. Pierre Soulé, Louisiana; of Capt. Geo. Fred. de la Roche, U. S. N., Georgetown, D. C.; of Mr. Charles Folsom, Librarian of the Athenæum, Boston.

A Committee of Shareholders will be formed as soon as possible, who will assist in bringing the whole transaction to a speedy and satisfactory termination.

[Copy,]

*Boston, Nov. 17, 1855.*

I certify that the collection is in my possession; that it is a very valuable one, and contains all that is above represented.

WINSLOW LEWIS.

## PREFACE.

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HISTORY of the collection of Medals and Coins mentioned in this Catalogue, and which will now undoubtedly become the property of citizens of the United States.

Most of the coins were collected by Mr. Lemner, who was keeper of the Ambrosian Museum in Inspruch. [This Museum is now in Vienna.] During forty years he collected coins, and most of the Roman medals of this collection were found in Hungary and Transylvania. In 1839 this gentleman died, suddenly, and his son sold the whole of his collection to me.

The collections are divided into five series. 1. Greek Medals for kingdoms and cities. 2. Roman Consular and Imperial Medals. 3. Coins of the middle ages to modern times. 4. Triple, double, and single, also half dollars. 5. Medals of silver, bronze, &c.

A collection of this kind can only be interesting and of real benefit when it is classified as above; where every coin or medal is in its proper place, and described in a catalogue. They are all laid in draws that require very little room, and can be kept in an iron safe.

This opportunity for the United States to acquire those fine collections, is very likely the only one which will occur to such an extent in many years to come.

The classification of those collections have taken me many years, and this jointly with the beautiful preservation and rarity of most of the coins, forms their great merit and value.

The knowledge of coins and medals is of so great importance in history, that it is difficult to come to any reliable conclusion without their aid. If we read attentively the lives of great historians, we will find that their imagination was inspired by the effigies of great men and heroes, faithfully represented on coins and medals; and that they were guided through their toilsome



and intricate research for the true date of every epoch in history by coins, and this for a continual space of 2740 years. The first money coined in Greece was that struck in the island of Aegina, by Phidon, king of Argos. His reign is fixed by the Arundelian marbels at an era corresponding to the 885th year before Christ.

The value of this collection would be increased five times, if the works of Vaillant, Morelli, and Mionnet, would be consulted for the estimation of Grecian and Roman medals; and Pinkerton's and other authors, as well as catalogues of sales of coins, with prices, for the valuation of coins for those of the middle ages to modern times. If such collections should be formed now in Europe, it would be necessary to travel all over the continent, and expend four times more than the prices I have fixed on them, for travel expenses only.

Each medal or coin has its place in frames, 14 by 18, and is chronologically classified, labelled with name, date, etc., under each coin, referring to a catalogue.

The following list presents a condensed view and classification of the collections, viz :

**SERIES NO. 1.** *Ancient Greek Medals of Kings and Cities.* These medals are in fine preservation. Most of them are very rare, and were bought at large prices. They form in the whole an interesting collection.

**SERIES NO. 2.** *Roman Consular and Imperial Medals; also, of the Greek Gallie and Spanish Colonies under the Roman Empire.* The consular medals form an important collection relating to the early Roman history, beginning from the brass ones as far baek as the year 175, of Rome, under the sixth King, Servius Tullius; and, for the silver ones, they begin about the year 485, of Rome, and it contains many rare medals, in quantity large enough to illustrate the memorable events of that period.

*The Imperial Roman Medals.* This collection is one of the most interesting and valuable of the series, comprising nearly all the Emperors, from Pompey the Great to the downfall of Constantinople. It has cost much labor and expense to form this collection.

These medals are in beautiful preservation and all *genuine*, most of them having been examined by Mionnet himself. On the whole, it is a fine series and full of historical interest, presenting to the eye in chronological succession the effigies of most of the Emperors and Empresses, according to the places which have been allotted to them during this long period, illustrating before our eye the power of their immense dominion, and the decay and barbarism of the remnants of that feeble empire when it ceased to exist.

SERIES NO. 3. *Coins from the Middle Ages to the Modern Times.* The coins of the middle ages have, perhaps, the greatest interest for us, forming mostly an unbroken chain from the remotest periods of every nation to our days, and beginning in all cases with the most ancient, as follows:—

The Papal coins begin with Zacarias, A. D. 752.

The German Imperial, with Charlemaque, A. D. 800.

The English, with William the Conqueror, A. D. 1066.

The French, with Charlemaque, A. D. 768,  
and so on for all other nations of the world.

In this series the coins are nearly all rare, and some have cost as much as from \$50 to \$100. Most of those coins can only be bought at auction, where high prices must be paid for them. I could choose three hundred coins out of this series, which, by taking for their valuation only, the prices which they did fetch at auction would amount to the price which is demanded for all the series, including the books.

The above is corroborated by catalogues of coins, with the prices of the sales marked in the books, and which form part of the Numismatical library of prize No. 16.

SERIES NO. 4. *Triple, Double, Single Dollars; also, Half Dollars.* This series is also very rich, and contains, with few exceptions, all rare and ancient specimens. The collection begins with the dollar of John Hus, A. D., 1415. It contains likewise the triple dollar of the Emperor Rudolphus, A. D. 1604, and many more rare and curious dollars in perfect preservation.

SERIES NO 5. *Medals of Silver, Bronze, &c.* All these medals are fine, and most of them rare, and in perfect preservation. Particular care has been taken to add to the collection only those that are not easily to be met with, and to avoid all those that can easily be obtained at broker's. By this system, which has been adhered to for many years, I have collected only such medals as are of real interest in history.

*Remarks on the Five Series.* They form each series by themselves, an uninterrupted collection for most of the nations of the world in past ages, and were obtained only by the greatest perseverance, during many years of collecting, and at great cost.

To conclude the brief statement on the coins, it is necessary to mention that the coins of America, and principally those of the United States, are very numerous; and that all that is rare and scarce of this country is to be found in that collection, and in beautiful preservation.

I take this means to divide the collections among my friends. Every one who will gain a prize will be sure to have a collection in itself, unconnected with any other. These collections are

known, and I join here several letters of persons who have inspected them, and who are able to judge of Numismatical collections. The first is of father Felix Ciampi, now President of Worcester College:—

“Towards the close of last year, I was invited by Rev. T. Ryder, then President of this College, to examine a large portion of the coins owned by Prof. Dan. Ed. Groux. I took a great interest and pleasure in reviewing this beautiful and valuable collection, and could hardly believe it possible to form another at the present time that could equal it in extension and interest. I think, that as it reflects a great credit on the collector, so it would prove a great ornament to whomever shall become the possessor of it.”

FELIX CIAMPI,

Prof. of Chemistry in said College.

Georgetown College, April 15th, 1852.

Letter of Capt. George F. de la Roche, to Hon. J. Pearee,  
U. S. Senate.

Washington, May 14th, 1850.

HON. JAMES PEARCE, U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:—Prof. Groux who informs me that he is desirous to part with his large collection of medals and coins (antique and modern) to the United States, called on me to examine that portion of them which he has now in the district; (some three thousand,) after which, he requested me to address you on the subject, which I now respectfully do.

After a cursory estimation of these, I feel convinced that it contains a great many truly scarce specimens, many indeed only to be found in European cabinets; whilst his series of antiques and coins of the middle ages appear remarkably well kept up, and in a fine state of preservation generally. There can be no doubt that it would form a very valuable nucleus to begin a National Cabinet with, which it would take years and much expense to gather, whilst these are also scientifically classed and labelled.

Having myself a large numismatic collection will account to you, Sir, for Prof. Groux's request that I should express an opinion thereon.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your obt. serv't,

GEO. F. DE LA ROCHE, Civil Eng.



Letter of Mr. Charles Folsom, Librarian to the Atheneum Library, in Boston.

*To whom it may concern :*

I hereby certify, that, at the request of Mr. Groux, I have examined a considerable portion of his collection of coins and medals, particularly the modern ones, and have noted many of great beauty and historical interest.

I do not remember to have seen in this country a collection of coins, in the whole, so various and so valuable in the possession of any private collector, having out of view gold coins, of which I think Mr. Groux showed me few or none. I consider his collection quite worth attention, from any one seeking to make a complete cabinet of such historical monuments.

CHARELES FOLSOM.

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Letter of Miss Anna P. Jones.

*To whom it may concern :*

Having examined the coins and medals composing the collection of Mr. Groux, at the time they were in Boston, and having some experience in the study of Numismatics, I have no hesitation in giving it as my opinion, that as an addition to a public library or to the cabinet of a scientific institution, such a collection as that of Mr. Groux would be a most desirable acquisition, more particularly as its correct classification and beautiful preservation greatly enhances its value.

A. P. JONES.

City of Boston, August 21st, 1852.

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Letter of Hon. W. M. Gwin, U. S. Senator, to Hon. James Pearce, U. S. Senator.

Washington City, May 18th, 1852.

Dear Sir:—This will introduce you to Prof. Groux, of whom I spoke to you some time since. He wishes to dispose of his collection of medals and coins to the Government, and I am induced to think they are valuable, and his proposition worthy of your examination.

With great respect, your obt. servt,

W. M. GWIN.

Hon. James Pearce, U. S. Senator.

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Letter of the Hon. Pierre Soule, U. S. Minister to Spain.

From the various letters and statements in the possession of Prof. Dan. Ed. Groux relating to his collection of medals, coins, and books, on Numismatics, and from the opinion entertained by those who have seen these collections and are acquainted with the Professor, I hesitate not to express the conviction that Prof.

Groux is well qualified to take charge of the classification of such a collection, and that his services as well as his collection might be turned to great advantage in one of our public institutions. The collection would adorn the library of Congress, and its purchase, in the judgment of the undersigned, would secure to the nation a treasure seldom to be met in the condition of that possessed by Mr. Groux.

PIERRE SOULE.

Washington City, July 22d, 1853.

The collections described in this Catalogue are worthy to be placed in the highest institutions; and if fate should so order it, that some part of it should fall to the lot of persons who have no taste for Numismatics, I will say to those persons that there are many institution that would be glad to accept them to form a good beginning of collections, and more so as they are all so well classified and ordered. It is most extraordinary, that in the education of youth the study of coins should have been altogether neglected; whereas it ought to form an important feature, impressing upon their minds incidents and events corroborative of history, giving an insight into the customs of the ancients and their religion; and being in a chronological point of view very essential for instilling into youthful minds a taste for art.

There are many sources of entertainment in the science of medals, such is the personal acquaintance which, so to speak, it gives us with all the great men of former times. Nothing can be more amusing, than to read history with contemporary coins before you. It brings the actions in a manner before our eyes, and we sit as in a theatre, with the actors before us.

“The medal faithful to its charge of fame,  
Through climes and ages bears each form and name;  
In one short view subjected to our eye,  
Gods, Emperors, Heroes, Sages, Beauties lie.”—POPE.

Having in the above statement given a short history of the collections, and by authentic letters (the copies of which are in my possession,) established their undoubted value, I shall proceed in giving an abstract of a catalogue which I have made for each prize, so that every one shall know what the prizes are describing in each one some of the coins and medals it contains. I will also place at the foot of each prize the amount to which they have been estimated, taking always for a standard the prices for which they were bought at auction.

This Catalogue, from which this abstract is taken, will be very useful also for coin collectors, who by it will be enabled to classify some of their own medals and coins.

My first intention was to get names for a subscription to buy the coins, and have the whole of them transferred to some public institution, but it was impossible to bring this herculean task to execution. Some gentlemen suggested the present plan which seems to give general satisfaction, as by the limitation of tickets nearly every one will have a good chance on account of the number of prizes. The name of the persons who have kindly volunteered to assist me in this enterprise, are a sure guarantee that it will be conducted with the greatest fairness and brought to a speedy termination.



ABSTRACT OF A CATALOGUE of rare Medals and Coins,  
also Books on Coins, to be disposed of, by lot, as  
soon as the chances are sold. The following is a  
list of the prizes :

#### FIRST PRIZE.

*Roman Medals, very fine and rare.*

	Silver.	Brass.	Total.	Value.
Roman as, and its divisions, <i>rare.</i>	2	4	6	25
Roman Consular and Imperial Medals.	86	364	450	\$1971
Total Roman Medals,	88	368	456	\$1971

#### SECOND PRIZE.

*French Coins from A. D. 814.*

French Coins, <i>mostly very rare and fine.</i>	92	70	162	\$309
French Colonial Coins.	3	12	15	25
French Tokens of eminent men, <i>very fine, etc.</i>	10	56	66	151
French Baronial Coins, <i>all of them very rare.</i>	33	22	55	148
Total French Coins,	143	242	385	\$740

#### THIRD PRIZE.

*The Celebrated Carraria Medals.*

They were made in Italy about 1435.  
They are chased, and very unique.  
They were, during 200 years, the prop-  
erty of the Maltise knights, from which  
they were bought in 1837, for the sum  
of 2000 francs. *Extra, rare and fine.*

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## FOURTH PRIZE.

*Austrian Coins from A. D. 814.*

	Silver.	Brass.	Total.	Value.
Coins from the Austrian Empire, <i>most of them rare.</i>	42	57	99	\$119
Coins for Bohemia, from 1277, <i>rare.</i>	11	1	12	39
do. Hungary, from A. D. 1063, <i>very rare.</i>	19	9	28	28
Coins for Transylvania, Moravia.	6	3	8	23
do. Carinthia, Styria.	9	—	9	10
do. Tyrol, from A. D. 1254, <i>extra rare.</i>	38	18	56	126
Coins for Gortz, Burgan, Milan, <i>rare and fine.</i>	24	38	62	83
Coins for Luxemburg and Burgundy.	5	12	17	31
Total of Coins for Austria.	153	138	291	\$459

## FIFTH PRIZE.

Papal Coins, from A. D. 965, <i>mostly rare and fine.</i>	42	45	87	\$119
Ghostly Coins, for Bishops, etc. <i>very rare and ancient.</i>	69	52	121	212
French Ghostly Coins, <i>very rare and extra fine.</i>	15	1	16	65
Total of Papal and Ghostly Coins,	126	98	224	\$396

## SIXTH PRIZE.

English Coins, beginning 1066, <i>very rare.</i>	71	50	121	\$119
Coins for Ireland and Scotland, from 1253.	10	22	32	46
Coins for English Colonies, <i>very fine.</i>	4	69	73	47
Tokens for Towns, <i>some of them extra rare.</i>	1	99	100	98
Tokens of eminent men, etc. <i>mostly rare and fine.</i>	1	84	85	58
Total of English Coins.	87	324	411	\$368

## SEVENTH PRIZE.

	Silver.	Brass.	Total.	Value.
Russian Coins, beginning 1359, <i>many rare.</i>	35	41	76	97
Turkey, Algiers, Tunis, Egypt, etc. <i>very fine.</i>	25	33	58	60
Brazil, China,	—	25	25	9
Kufic Coins, from A. D. 777, <i>very rare and fine.</i> Mogul, Persia, etc.	9	67	76	195
	<hr/> 69	<hr/> 166	<hr/> 235	<hr/> \$361

## EIGHTH PRIZE.

Papal Medals, beginning A. D. 791, <i>very rare.</i>				
Ghostly Medals, also of Monasteries, etc. <i>rare and fine.</i>	16	59	75	\$339

## NINTH PRIZE.

*Rare Works on Numismatics.*

Books on Coins, in <i>English, French, German</i> ; among which, Pinkerton's, Evelyns, Folkes, etc.; in <i>French</i> , Med. de Louis XV., Catalogue d'Ennery, Numismatique du moyen age; in <i>German</i> , Appels, 7 vols.; Groschen Cabinet, 13 vols.; Gotz, 3 vols.; Munz Schluzel; Maday Collection of Dollars, 3 vols., etc.; Muuz belustigungen, 12 vols. <i>All these works are very rare.</i>	F.	4to.	8vo.	
	4	28	37	
Total books, English, French, German,	<hr/> —	<hr/> —	<hr/> —	<hr/> —
		vols.	69	\$300

## TENTH PRIZE.

*Rare Dollars and Medals.*

Dollars and Medals for Austria, with the extra rare triple Dollar of Rudolphus II., 1604. Double dollar of Ferdinand I., 1532. Dollar of Huss, 1415. Medal of Hungaria Ludovicus, 1526, <i>and many more rare and fine.</i>	15	12	37	\$282
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## ELEVENTH PRIZE.

*Rare Greek Medals.*

	Silver.	Brass.	Total.	Value.
Greek Medals, <i>mostly very rare and fine.</i>	3	56	59	\$152
Ancient Nations and Greek Colonies, <i>very rare.</i>	1	32	33	125
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Total Greek Medals and Colonies.	4	88	92	\$277

## TWELFTH PRIZE.

*Rare Dollars and Medals.*

Miscellaneous Dollars and Medals, with those of Ludovie Sfortia, 1497. Stolberg Reformation Jubel, 1717. Gallie Subalpina. Medal of Maurizius, 1600. Vesel, 1629. Large Death Medal of Frederiek the Great. Large one of Augustus, of Brunswick, 1666. Also, many in bronze; among which, that of Galeaz Sforzia, of Milan, 1459, (with date) <i>all very rare and fine.</i>	55	14	69	\$276
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## THIRTEENTH PRIZE.

*Rare Dollars and Medals.*

Rare French Dollars of Louis XIV., XV., XVI., etc. Medals in Silver and Bronze, with those of Herrius II, Carolus IX., 1572. On the St. Bartholomey, that of Stanislaus Lesiensky; that of Voltaire, made at Ferney, by Wachter, 1770; (sold at one time for 7000 francs in the wars of Napoleon.) that of the Bastile, made with the iron of the chains found in the Bastile; that of the first medal for Napoleon, 1796; the medal for the three days 27th, 28th, and 29th of July, 1830. <i>All very rare and fine.</i>	18	41	59	\$266
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## FOURTEENTH PRIZE.

*Rare Works on Numismatics.*

Books on Coins in Latin, with those of Musee Vindob, 1755, folio; Carolus Patinus, 4to; Numorum Sueco Elix, Breuneri; Numismata Magnan; Thesauri Britannici, etc. Books on Heraldry; Catalogues of Coins, with prices; Pamphlets, and other works, on Numismatics; *all of which are very rare and in excellent condition. These books are very scarce now.*

	F.	4to.	8vo.
	2	6	18
Total, in all, rare books.	Volums.		28
			\$200

## FIFTEENTH PRIZE.

*Rare American Coins.*

	Silver.	Brass.	Total.	Value.
American Coins, struck before the Revolution, many of them <i>very rare and fine.</i>	2	24	26	20
American Coins since the Revolution, <i>very fine.</i>	19	46	65	43
American Tokens, also, Satyrical, <i>some very rare.</i>		42	42	31
Miscellaneous Coins, <i>many of them very rare.</i>	53	31	84	66
Miscellaneous large Coins, <i>also mostly rare.</i>		24	24	18
Total American & Miscellaneous Coins.	74	167	241	\$178

## SIXTEENTH PRIZE.

*Rare Dollars and Medals.*

Bavarian Dollars and Medals; also Swedish rare Medals with those of Gustavus Adolphus Death Medal, 1632, of Christina; Carolus XI.; do. Carolus XII.; Gustavus III. Anchor Medal, 1790, etc., *and many more rare and beautiful Medals.*

Total Swedish Medals, etc.	4	35	39	\$131
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## SEVENTEENTH PRIZE.

*Rare American Dollars and Medals.*

	Silver.	Brass.	Total.	Value.
American Dollars and many rare Medals; also the complete set of Medals struck for the naval and land battles; <i>all in excellent preservation.</i>	14	14	28	68
		42	42	60
Total American Dollars and Medals.	14	56	70	\$128

## EIGHTEENTH PRIZE.

*Rare Coins of Denmark.*

Royal Coins for Bavaria, <i>many very rare</i>	31	35	56	76
“ “ Denmark, Halstein, and also for Danish America; <i>many rare and fine.</i>	27	14	41	49
Total Bavarian and Danish Coins.	58	39	97	\$125

## NINETEENTH PRIZE.

*Rare English Dollars and Medals.*

English Dollars; among which Carol II., 1676. William III.; Mary; Anna; Mary and William; and *many others very rare.* In Silver Medals, the very large one of Georgius III. Coronation; Battle of Culloden; Installation Medal of George IV.; his Death Medal, and *many rare ones.*

Total of the English Medals.	19	49	28	74
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## TWENTIETH PRIZE.

*Rare Russian Dollars and Medals.*

Russian and Portuguese Dollars with those of Peter the Great; also of Peter II., of Catherine, and *many more fine ones.* Among the Medals, the Taking of Paris, the Burning of Moscow; that of the Death of Peter the Great, and others rare and very fine.

Total of the Russian Medals.	15	6	21	69
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